



CSBG Success Story

Please submit success story to Jessica Simon at jessica.simon@commerce.wa.gov. If you have questions, contact Jessica at 360-725-2850. Due Date: The 10th of the month the story is due.

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1. Success Story is for:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARRA <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 09 (skip to question 8) <input type="checkbox"/> FFY 10 (skip questions 6 & 7)
2. CSBG Project Name:	Broadview Transitional Program
3. Total Project Budget:	\$729,402
4. Total CSBG Amount of Budget:	\$135,284 (from ARRA)
5. Number of total clients expected to serve, with all funds for the project:	130
6. Number of ARRA jobs expected to be created/retained as a result of this project:	2
7. Number of ARRA jobs actually created/retained as a result of this project to date:	2
8. Brief project/activity description:	<p>Broadview provides transitional housing and comprehensive on-site support services to over 110 homeless women and children each year, the majority of whom have survived domestic violence, in a safe, secure 31-unit apartment building that combines both shelter and transitional housing.</p> <p>Broadview's secure, confidential housing facility, staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, includes 21 separate transitional apartments, four of which house large families and one of which is wheelchair accessible. The individual units provide the women and their children precious time and space to heal and regain a sense of control over their lives in private.</p> <p>Broadview's comprehensive, on-site support services address the wide range of emotional, practical and physical needs of our clients. On-site services include: comprehensive case management, domestic violence legal advocacy, one-to-one domestic violence crisis counseling, support groups, medications and immunizations, drug and alcohol counseling, mental health therapy, interpretation services, and housing search assistance. For our youngest clients, a full spectrum of children's services is</p>

provided to reintroduce structure and stability into their lives. All children are enrolled in school and offered tutoring, computers, and access to homework groups. Counseling and age-appropriate support groups are available to children of all ages to help them cope with issues related to being homeless. Regular recreation programs, such as arts and crafts and field trips allow children to socialize, play, and be kids.

After the women and children move into permanent housing, Broadview's Safe Transitions program provides them up to 18 months of comprehensive, community-based case management support. Residents are not required to participate in the program after they leave Broadview, but more than 90% do.

Broadview holds a unique and vital place in the Seattle King County Continuum of Care by providing secure shelter, transitional housing and structured, comprehensive support designed to meet the specific needs of highly vulnerable, homeless women and children. Eighty percent (80%) of the families entering the program succeed in obtaining permanent housing.

So, Broadview's definition of successful outcome is that Eighty percent (80%) of the families entering the program succeed in obtaining permanent housing.

9. How will this project help clients, build community, and form new partnerships? What aspects of the project would you like to share with the public:

In 2009 with the help of ARRA funds from CSBG, Broadview made it possible for over 100 women and children fleeing from domestic violence to receive a safe, service-enriched environment to rebuild their lives.

We are pleased to report that Broadview accomplished the following in the past year:

- Provided 32,922 bednights of shelter and safety to homeless women and children.
- Assisted 127 families stabilize after the trauma of displacement and violence through comprehensive supportive services.
- Helped 80% of Broadview's Transitional Housing residents move into permanent housing.
- Supported domestic violence survivors through our Safe Transitions program – in which 100% of participants maintained their housing a full year and a half after leaving Broadview.

However, individual stories of courage can often be lost in statistics. Thus, we would like to tell you about two families that your funding directly impacted.

Jennifer's Story

Jennifer came to Broadview seeking shelter for herself, her mom and her five children. She had left her abusive husband and was scared for her family. To disappear undetected by her husband, Jennifer had to quit the only job she has ever held and had no income when she came to Broadview. As an immigrant who spoke

limited English, Jennifer had little knowledge of public resources available to her and her family. She also had little understanding of the complicated rules and application processes. Isolated from friends and family, she had no where to turn.

With the support of Broadview's staff, Jennifer was able to connect with someone at the Department of Social and Health Services to apply for income assistance, medical coverage, and food stamps. She was also given the tools and information she needed to advocate for herself with the King County Housing Authority to keep her Section 8 Housing voucher despite leaving the house she shared with her husband so abruptly. In addition, she learned how to get a positive reference from her former landlord by writing to him and explaining her situation.

Her children were given a health screening and immunizations, counseling, and they attended age-appropriate support groups. They had assistance from volunteer tutors to help them keep up with their school work amidst the chaos of displacement and transition. Jennifer's case manager helped her to reinstitute structure and predictability back into her children's lives to help them feel safe and secure again.

In just a short period of time, Jennifer was able to work with Broadview staff to locate a new house and enroll her children in school. She navigated the necessary processes to turn on utilities in her new home and contacted Sharehouse to acquire furniture. Jennifer went from feeling like a powerless victim to an empowered woman who could provide for her family on her own.

Today, Jennifer, her children, and her mom are safe, in a new house. The children have adjusted to their new surrounding are beginning to enjoy their new school and are making friends.

Carol's Story

Carol is a single mom with 2 young children from Thailand. Carol moved to Seattle from the Midwest. Her husband was abusive. Carol was isolated. He would not allow her access to school, or to any services. Her husband would not let her have contact with the outside world.

Carol accomplished a lot while she was in Broadview. Carol spoke very little English and wanted to take ESL classes. The Case Manager took her to Seattle Central Community College so she could enroll in English Second Language Classes. Carol went to the Learning Lab in addition to the classes so she could learn English quickly. The children Advocates at Broadview helped Carol find day care near Seattle Central Community College. Carol and her children took the bus to the day care every day and then Carol walked to school.

While at Broadview Carol took advantage of several programs that were offered. She saw the Health Care Access advocate and was able to get healthcare coverage. (She had no health care coverage before she came to Broadview). She saw the Physician Assistant who comes to Broadview and got immunizations for her children. Carol was able to receive WIC vouchers (milk, cheese, juice, cereal, eggs) and receive information about health and nutrition. Carol saw the social worker who comes to Broadview from DSHS. Carol also attended the Domestic Violence Support Group. She said she learned a lot about herself and domestic violence. Carol was connected to Northwest Justice Project while at Broadview. She was able to get her Green Card extended.

Carol and her case manager worked on several housing applications. Carol went to a transitional housing program on the Eastside. Carol continued her ESL classes at Seattle Central Community College. She took the bus from the eastside every day. Carol was offered permanent housing four months after she went to transitional housing. Carol had applied for that housing program while at Broadview.

Today, Carol is in permanent housing. She has a job, and a driver's license. Her English is good. She does not need to use an interpreter. Carol said she gained her independence and self confidence from Broadview. Carol drops by for visits, and calls. She always says "I learned everything from Broadview."